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Via Electronic Filing

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation In the Matter of Connect America Fund WC Docket No. 10-90; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future GN Docket No. 09-51; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers WC Docket No. 07-135; High-Cost Universal Service Support WC Docket No. 05-337; Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime CC Docket No. 01-92; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket No. 96-45; Lifeline and Link-Up WC Docket No. 03-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 14, 2011, Brad Erwin, CEO and General manager of the Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Mike Hagg, CEO and General Manager of the Horry Telephone Cooperative, Dave Herron, CEO and General Manager of the West Carolina Telephone Cooperative, and former member of Congress Robin Tallon (collectively referred to as the "South Carolina Cooperative Representatives) met with Commissioner Clyburn, Dave Grimaldi, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Clyburn, and Alana Intrieri, an intern in Commissioner Clyburn's office. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss matters related to the above-referenced proceedings.

The South Carolina Cooperative representatives urged that the FCC take timely action on comprehensive USF and intercarrier compensation reform in order to foster rural infrastructure investment and resulting rural economic development. They discussed the need for the Commission to act quickly and to ensure that the proposals ultimately adopted:

1. Do not jeopardize recovery of the investments rural providers committed to the provision of universal service have made in deploying networks to provide universal service;
2. Provide sufficient and predictable support mechanisms to direct USF funds into areas where support is needed with clarity that enables universal service providers to make prudent infrastructure investment decisions; and

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3. Promote adoption of broadband in rural areas to foster rural economic development and access to health care services and educational opportunities.

I am filing this letter electronically with your office for inclusion in the record of each of the above-referenced proceedings pursuant to the Commission's Rules. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-333-1770.

Sincerely,

s/ Stephen G. Kraskin

cc: Commissioner Clyburn
Dave Grimaldi
Angela Kronenberg